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REMARKS

Claims 88-89, 92, 94-99, and 109-118 have been allowed and are presently pending with entry of this Amendment. Claims 111, 114, and 115 have been amended herein to correct inadvertent typographical errors. Specifically, claim 111 has been amended to specify that the at least one introduced N-glycosylation site comprises substitutions F111N+R113T/S relative to SEQ ID NO:2. This amendment corrects Applicants' previous inadvertent typographical error in which only the substitution of threonine (T) at position 113 – and not the substitution of threonine (T) or serine (S) at position 113 – was recited. Amended claim 111 correctly recites that the substitution at position 113 can be either threonine (T) or serine (S) – i.e., R113T/S. With this amendment to claim 111, the antecedent basis for the phrase “the at least one introduced N-glycosylation site comprises substitutions F111N+R113T/S” in claim 112, which depends from claim 111, is also now proper.

Claims 114 and 115 have been amended to correct similar inadvertent typographical errors. Claims 114 and 115 have been amended to specify F111N+R113T/S, indicating that the substitution at position 113 can be either threonine (T) or serine (S). Claims 114 and 115 have also been amended to correct Applicants' previous inadvertent typographical error in which only the substitution of threonine (T) at position 51 was recited. As amended, claims 114 and 115 now properly specify that the substitution at position 51 can be either threonine (T) or serine (S) – i.e., Q51T/S.

Support for these amendments to the claims is provided throughout the specification, and no new matter has been added by these amendments.

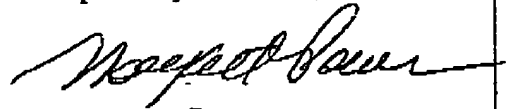
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the specified amendments to the claims. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 298-5809.

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Applicants are submitting this Amendment with the Issue Fee Transmittal and have authorized the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0990 the amount of \$1700, which is specified on the Issue Fee Transmittal. In the event any additional fees are due in this application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0990. In addition, please credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0990.

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